

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 LISBON 00078 051332Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SS-15 SP-02 L-03 NSC-05 H-01 PRS-01
INR-07 PA-01 BIB-01 EURE-00 /049 W
-----051340Z 078856 /53
P R 151218Z JAN 77
FM AMEMBASSY LISBON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0000
INFO AMCONSUL MUNICH
USIA WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 0078

USIA FOR IEU/MCLAUGHLIN

E.O. 11652: XGDS-4
TAGS: PINT, PO, US
SUBJECT: BIB/RFE NEGOTIATIONS: GOP ALERTED

REF: LISBON 8909 AND 8933

1. DCM JAN 4 RAISED CURRENT PROBLEM IN BIB/RFE TALKS WITH VICTOR CUNHA REGO, SECRETARY TO CABINET AND SOARES CONFIDANT. CUNHA REGO WAS NOT AWARE OF THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY ON RENEGOTIATION OF RARET CONTRACT. DCM REVIEWED RARET'S PAST HISTORY, CHANGED STATUS VIA CREATION OF BIB, CURRENT CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES TOWARDS RFE/RL, USG INTEREST. NOTING EXORBITANT RENTAL AND OTHER POINTS AT ISSUE, DCM EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN AT ATTITUDE TAKEN BY MAJOR FIGUEIREDO. LEFT WITH CUNHA REGO COPIES OF DEC. 29 LETTERS BETWEEN RARET MANAGER AND FIGUEIREDO (TEXTS IN REFTELS), POINTING OUT THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR US TO UNDERSTAND FIGUEIREDO'S POSITION AND THAT, IN ANY CASE, WE DID NOT APPRECIATE HIS UNILATERALLY-IMPOSED DEADLINES NOR HIS THREATS.

2. CUNHA REGO UNDERSTOOD AND SYMPATHIZED WITH OUR
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 LISBON 00078 051332Z

APPROACH. HE DESCRIBED FIGUEIREDO AS "STUPID" AND SAID THAT MANUEL ALEGRE, FIGUEIREDO'S BOSS, WAS HAVING DIFFICULTY WITH HIM. HE ADDED THAT FIGUEIREDO WAS DOING A "TERRIBLE JOB" OF RUNNING THE PORTUGUESE STATE RADIO AND MIGHT HAVE TO BE REMOVED.

3. CUNHA REGO SAID HE WOULD ATTEND TO THE MATTER

PERSONALLY; THAT HE WOULD TAKE IT UP WITH MANUEL ALEGRE AND, IF NECESSARY, PRIME MINISTER SOARES. HE SAID HE WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH AS SOON AS HE COULD, PROBABLY BY THE END OF THIS WEEK.

4. COMMENT: CUNHA REGO'S REACTION IS ENCOURAGING AND WE INTEND TO PURSUE MATTER. NEVERTHELESS, ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY HERE IS BOTH CREAKY AND UNCOORDINATED, SO WE HAVE TO REMAIN PREPARED TO DEAL WITH FIGUEIREDO--AND HIS DRAFT CONTRACT--AS LONG AS HE HAS FORMAL RESPONSIBILITY. THEREFORE, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS BIB CONTINUE ANALYSIS OF HIS DRAFT CONTRACT, WITH VIEW TOWARDS RESPONDING, IF NECESSARY, BY JAN. 15.
CARLUCCI

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NEGOTIATIONS, RADIO STATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 15-Jan-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977LISBON00078
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X4
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770004-0391
Format: TEL
From: LISBON
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770148/aaaabqbs.tel
Line Count: 76
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 43e9f2d8-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 LISBON 8909
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 23-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3588757
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: BIB/RFE NEGOTIATIONS: GOP ALERTED
TAGS: PINT, ETEL, PO, US, RFE
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/43e9f2d8-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009